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**LETTER**

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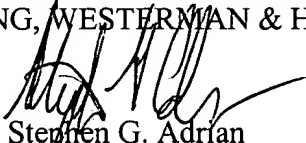
Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Allowance dated June 3, 2003. In the Notice of Allowability, the allowed claims are indicated as "3-14, 16-20, 22-27, 31."

However, claims 5, 8 and 19 were previously amended and claims 10 and 18 were canceled in the Response filed September 5, 2002. As such, claims 3-9, 11-14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22-27 and 31 are pending. The Patent Office is requested to correct the identification of the allowed claims.

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